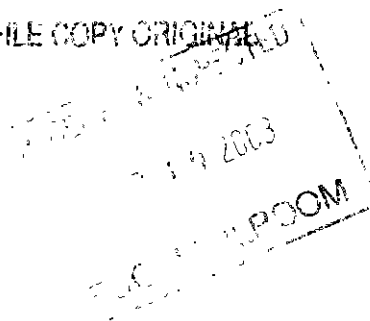


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Western Wireless

96-45

August 22, 2003

Mr. John Harvey  
Telecommunications Analyst  
160 East 300 South, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Salt Lake City, UT 84145

Re Self-Certification of Eligibility to Receive Federal Universal Service Support by  
WWC Holding Co., Inc., ("Western Wireless") – in Compliance with 47 C.F.R.  
§§ 54.313 and 54.314

Dear John

Western Wireless, a commercial mobile radio service provider, respectfully certifies to the Utah Public Service Commission that Western Wireless will use all federal universal service support for the following calendar year (2004) for the purposes intended by federal law pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.313 and 54.314, i.e., "the provision, maintenance and upgrading" of facilities for which the support is intended.

The Utah Public Service Commission designated Western Wireless a competitive eligible telecommunications carrier for purposes of receiving federal universal service support in the non-rural telephone company exchanges of Qwest in Docket No. 98-2216-01 dated July 20, 2000. To date, Western Wireless has not received a study area code (SAC) from USAC. At such time that Western Wireless receives a SAC from the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC), the Company will notify the Utah Public Service Commission.

Western Wireless believes that the self-certification process will permit the Utah Public Service Commission to efficiently and accurately make the necessary certification to the Federal Communications Commission and the Universal Service Administrative Company by October 1, 2003.

Please find attached the self-certification Affidavit.

Sincerely,

*Suzie Rao*

Suzie Rao  
Regulatory Counsel

Enclosure

<b>DESIGNATION OF COMMON CARRIERS</b>	)	<b>UTAH</b>
<b>AS ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS</b>	)	
<b>CARRIERS (ETC) TO RECEIVE FEDERAL</b>	)	<b>PUBLIC SERVICE</b>
<b>UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUNDS PURSUANT</b>	)	
<b>TO THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS</b>	)	<b>COMMISSION</b>
<b>COMMISSION'S FOURTEENTH REPORT</b>	)	
<b>AND ORDER ADOPTING A STATE</b>	)	
<b>CERTIFICATION PROCESS</b>	)	

**STATE OF WASHINGTON  
COUNTY OF KING**

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Gene DeJordy of WWC Holding Co Inc., a subsidiary of Western Wireless Corporation ("Western Wireless"), who on his oath deposed and said:

1 My name is Gene DeJordy. I am employed by Western Wireless in the position of Vice President of Regulatory Affairs. In this position, I am personally familiar with the Federal Universal Service support received by Western Wireless and how the Company uses these funds

2 Western Wireless was designated as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier by the Utah Public Service Commission. See In the Matter of the Petition of WWC Holding Co , Inc for Designation as an ETC, Report and Order, Utah Docket No. 98-2216-01 (July 20, 2000).

3 To date, Western Wireless has not received a study area code (SAC) from USAC. The Federal Universal Service support funds received by Western Wireless, to the extent any are applied for and received, will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities for which the support is intended, as designated by the Federal Communications Commission consistent with Section 254(e) of the Federal

Telecommunications Act These funds will be used to provide the following supported services as designated in 47 C.F.R. § 54.101 which are available throughout Western Wireless' designated service area

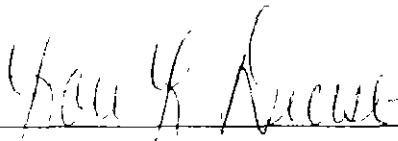
- (a) voice grade access to the public switched network;
- (b) local usage,
- (c) dual tone multi frequency signaling, or its functional equivalent;
- (d) single party service, or its functional equivalent;
- (e) access to emergency services, including 911 and enhanced 911 service;
- (f) access to operator services;
- (g) access to interexchange service,
- (h) access to directory assistance; and
- (i) toll blocking for qualifying low income customers

4 The matters addressed above are within my personal knowledge and are true and correct.



Gene DeJordy, Esquire

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of August 2003.



Notary Public

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State of Washington